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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

REF: A. MASERU 1581, B. STATE 313012,

1. KING MOSHOESHOE II RECEIVED ME JANUARY 6 FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS AS SCHEDULED. GOL OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE WERE FORMIN, ACTING CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND HIS MAJESTY'S PRIVATE SECRETARY. I

WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DCM AND IRO. FOLLOWING CREDENTIALS CEREMONY HIS MAJESTY AND FORMIN INVITED ME TO REMAIN (WITH DCM) FOR PRIVATE DISCUSSION (REPORTED SEPTEL). AFTER REVIEW OF HONOR GUARD AND WREATH-LAYING AT STATUE OF MOSHOESHOE I, I RETURNED TO EMBASSY.

2. TEXT OF REMARKS, DULY REVISED PER REFTEL B, WERE SENT REFTEL A.

3. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF HIS MAJESTY'S REPLY:

QTE EXCELLENCY, WE WELCOME YOU MOST HEARTILY TO THIS COUNTRY AND
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WE THANK YOU FOR THE KIND WORDS AND SENTIMENTS YOU HAVE JUST EXPRESSED. QTE YOU HAVE RIGHTLY POINTED OUT THAT THE WORLD'S ATTENTION HAS NOW BEEN TURNED TO THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN REGION, OF WHICH WE ARE PART. LET US ASSURE YOU THAT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE PIVOT OF NOT ONLY OUR FOREIGN POLICIES, BUT ALSO OF OUR INTERNAL POLICIES. WE WELCOME VERY MUCH THIS INTEREST THAT MANY COUNTRIES, LIKE YOURS, ARE NOW DISPLAYING.

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WE ALSO FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT YOUR COUNTRY IN PARTICULAR CAN INFLUENCE
THE RIGHT PEACEFUL CHANGE WHICH IS NEEDED IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.
WHILE AT THIS JUNCTURE, WE MUST THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF OUR
GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF LESOTHO FOR THE COOPERATTION WE

RECEIVED FROM YOUR GOVERNMENT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHILE WE HAD
A CASE AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA ON THE CLOSURE OF THE BORDER, THIS HAS
INDEED REVEALED TO US THAT A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND IN DEED.
QTE WE HOPE THAT DURING YOUR STAY YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO VISIT THE MOUNTAIN AREA OF OUR COUNTRY AND SEE FOR YOURSELF HOW
ISOLATED THE PEOPLE OVER THERE ARE, AND THAT IT IS ONLY THROUGH
CONSTRUCTION OF GOOD ROADS THAT COMMUNICATION WITH THAT PART OF
THE COUNTRY COULD BE FACILITATED IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE
PEOPLE ARE LESS DEPENDENT ON SOUTH AFRICA. WE ALSO HOPE THAT YOU
WILL BE ABLE TO COME MORE OFTEN AND STAY MUCH LONGER IN OUR
COUNTRY, BECAUSE IT IS BY SO DOING THAT YOU CAN BE ABLE TO
APPRECIATE THIS COUNTRY AND ITS PEOPLE BETTER.
QTE LAST BUT NOT LEAST WE WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT OUR GOVERNMENT
BELIEVES THAT FRIENDLY RELATIONS, CONSULTATION, COOPERATION AND
COLLABORATION, ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS
OF THE PEOPLE OF LESOTHO AND THE PEOPLE OF UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA. WE ALSO WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT OUR GOVERNMENT WANTS TO
COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IN YOUR COUNTRY, AND
WE HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS TEAM HAVE THE
ABILITY AND GOOD INTENTION TO MAKE AMERICA GREATER AND STRONGER IN
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL PEACE LOVING COUNTRIES.
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